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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER/MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY  
SULTAN

REF: STATE 194441

1. WE CONTACTED MAHER ABAZA, U/SEC MINELECTRICITY, IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT REFTTEL AUGUST 17. ABAZA SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED CALL FROM DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SULTAN (WHO IS IN ALEXANDRIA) INFORMING HIM OF SULTAN'S DECISION TO POSTPONE DEPARTURE FROM EGYPT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4, THUS MAKING AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 2 VISIT TO WASHINGTON IMPOSSIBLE. ABAZA DESCRIBED REASONS FOR DELAYED DEPARTURE AS "URGENT AND PERSONAL". SULTAN HAS INSTRUCTED ABAZA TO MEET WITH HIM IN ALEXANDRIA AUGUST 18. ABAZA HOPES HE WILL HAVE SOME FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING SULTAN'S DESIRE RESCHEDULE VISIT WHEN HE RETURNS TO CAIRO AUGUST 20.

2. WESTINGHOUSE REPS CALLED SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE TO INFORM US THAT SULTAN HAD ALSO INFORMED THEM YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD NOT MAKE "OFFICIAL" PORTION OF TRIP TO U.S. INSTEAD, HE PLANS TO SPEND TWO

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DAYS IN U.S. AT END OF CANADIAN TRIP AS GUEST OF WESTINGHOUSE AND GE. ACCORDING WESTINGHOUSE, SULTAN TOLD THEM HE WOULD NOT VISIT WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: SULTAN'S ABRUPT DECISION APPARENTLY TO CANCEL VISIT TO WASHINGTON IS UNEXPECTED. EMBOFF DISCUSSED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT WITH ABAZA AUGUST 15 DURING MEETING

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT TRIP WAS IN DOUBT. WESTINGHOUSE INDICATES THEY BELIEVE DECISION MIGHT BE RELATED TO MINISTER'S HEALTH; HE HAS SUFFERED FROM CANCER PAST FEW YEARS, WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR MINISTER'S EXPLANATION OF PERSONAL REASONS FOR POSTPONEMENT.  
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